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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 3047

FOR DR. WILLIAM ARON, NOAA, COMMERCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON, TBIO, AS

SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION: JUNE 1974 MEETING

REF: CANBERRA 2380 (NOTAL) (AND PREVIOUS)

1. RYAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, FISHERIES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF
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PRIMARY INDUSTRY (DPI), CALLED SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER (SLO) MAY

21 TO EXPRESS DPI'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN POSSIBLE FORMULA APPROACH FOR SELECTIVE BANS ON TAKING OF WHALES BASED ON PERCENTAGE OF VIRGIN STOCKS REMAINING. FORMULA PROPOSAL WAS DISCUSSED MAY 15 DURING CALLS BY NOAA'S DR. ARON AND MRS. FOX ON COMMISSIONER BOLLEN AND RYAN AND LATER WITH SCIENTIFIC ADVISER RADWAY-ALLEN. RYAN STATES THAT, SINCE PRESENT GOA SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN RETURNED IN MAY 18 ELECTION, DPI WANTS TO PURSUE POSSIBILITY OF FORMULA PROPOSAL AT JUNE IWC MEETING. RADWAY-ALLEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED, IF FORMULA CAN BE REFINED TO ALLOW DIFFERENT PERCENTAGE CUT-OFFS FOR SPECIFIC STOCKS, AS NECESSARY.

2. RYAN ASKED ABOUT JAPANESE REACTION TO FORMULA PROPOSAL, AND SLO EXPLAINED EMBASSY NOT YET INFORMED. WHILE STRESSING THAT HE AND BOLLEN HAVE NOT RAISED MATTER WITH MINISTERS INVOLVED (WRIEDT AND CASS), RYAN OBSERVED THAT GOJ WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO SUPPORT FORMULA APPROACH IF GOJ WILLING TO PROPOSE IT AT LONDON MEETING. IF GOJ DISLIKES FORMULA APPROACH, DPI WANTS TO KNOW SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS AND HOPES THAT ACCOMMODATION ACCEPTABLE TO JAPANESE MIGHT BE WORKED OUT. RYAN VOLUNTEERED THAT GOA MIGHT EVEN BE WILLING TO PROPOSE FORMULA APPROACH EVEN IF GOJ OPPOSED TO IT. THIS, OF COURSE, WOULD DEPEND ON MINISTERS' REACTION TO IDEA. RYAN SAID THAT DPI WOULD LIKE FULL REPORT ON GOJ AND OTHER REACTIONS SO THAT IT CAN DECIDE WHETHER IT IS WORTHWHILE FOR AUSTRALIAN SCIENTIFIC ADVISERS RADWAY-ALLEN AND BANNISTER TO REFINED FORMULA PROPOSAL FURTHER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE DPI OBVIOUSLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT FORMULA APPROACH, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST JAPANESE AND OTHER REACTIONS TO IT SO THAT AUSTRALIANS CAN BETTER DETERMINE WHETHER MATTER IS WORTH PURSUING.
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